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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

German Patent Publication No. 42 07 768 (KNEISSEL DACHSTEIN SPORTARTIKEL GmbH), published on September 23, 1993, is cited in the search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-3 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Claims 1, 2, 7, and Fig. 1B of US '768 are cited as being pertinent. An English language abstract of DE '768, downloaded from esp@cenet, is attached.

European Patent Publication No. 1 066 861 (SALOMON S.A.), published on January 10, 2001, is cited in the search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 2 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 1, paragraph 10, to column 2, paragraph 12, and Fig. 1 of EP '861 are cited as being pertinent. An English language abstract of EP '861, downloaded from esp@cenet, is attached.

French Patent Publication No. 2 825 646 (SALOMON S.A.), published on December 13, 2002, is cited in the search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Page 1, lines 19-36, and Fig. 1 of FR '646 are cited as being pertinent. An English language abstract of FR '646, downloaded from esp@cenet, is attached.

French Patent Publication No. 2 042 420 (ENGELBERT et al.), published on February 12, 1971, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Page 3, lines 1-15, and Figs. 8-10 of FR '420 are cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 6,217,041 (HAUSER et al.), issued on April 17, 2001, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 2, line 52, to column 3, line 61, and Fig. 2 of US '041 are cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 5,540,455 (CHAMBERS), issued on July 30, 1996, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Figs. 5 and 6 of US '455 are cited as being pertinent.

International Patent Publication No. WO 00/48693 (NORTH SHORE PARTNERS), published on August 24, 2000, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-10 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Figs. 6-10 of WO '693 are cited as being pertinent.

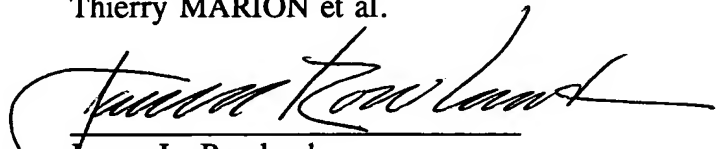
U.S. Patent No. 6,382,658 (STUBBLEFIELD), issued on May 7, 2002, is identified on the annex of the aforementioned search report as being a family member of WO '693.

A copy of each of the above-mentioned documents, except for the U.S. patents, is attached. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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	5 5 4 0 4 5 5	7-1996	CHAMBERS	280	87.042	
	6 2 1 7 0 4 1	4-2001	HAUSER et al.	280	14.2	
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